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Doub-Routzahn Farmstead
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840-1940

The Doub-Routzahn Farmstead was originally an agricultural complex centered on the main dwelling built about 1840, with several domestic outbuildings, and an agricultural group dominated by a large bank barn. The outbuildings include a brick smokehouse, a dairy, and a two-story stone and brick summer kitchen which may have also been used as slave quarters. In the agricultural grouping are a wagon shed/corn crib, a garage, a possible shop, and several smaller frame sheds. The bank barn was extended in the early 20th century to provide a milking room and a concrete block milk house was also added. The domestic buildings have been much altered since about 1945, but the spatial arrangement of the original farmstead is fairly clear. The agricultural buildings added in the last quarter of the 19th century represent the transition of agricultural technology and the extension of the barn for dairy operation reflects the change from grain production to milk as the principal farm product of the region in the early 20th century.

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Myersville
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/wagon shed

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Doub-Routzahn Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10412 Church Hill Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Myersville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nicholas S. and Kristen N. Johnson

street & number 10412 Church Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1306

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 246

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-79

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 13

The Doub-Routzahn Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now used as a private residence, centered on a circa 1840 brick two-story dwelling with a mid-20th century, full-height portico and other recent alterations, and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings ranging in date from about 1840 to 1940, including a brick smokehouse, a stone and frame dairy, a two-story stone and brick summer kitchen and possible slave quarters, a frame privy, a frame and stone bank barn, two wagon sheds, and other agricultural outbuildings. Three non-contributing modern garages and sheds are also included in the group. The farmstead is located on the west side of Church Hill Road about one mile northeast of Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The main elevation of the dwelling faces south and the complex is visible from Church Hill Road at the end of a driveway passing a small pond east of the domestic grouping.

The dwelling's south elevation is laid in flemish bond and is painted white. The portico has square columns rising to the cornice line of the building. The porch platform is brick. The topography of the site slopes downward to the south with landscaped terraces on stone retaining walls. The principal elevation has five bays with a center entrance and a mid-20th century Georgian Revival style door surround featuring a broken pediment. The doorway has a four-light transom and a modern replacement door. The window openings have gauged brick arches and 6 sash. Replacement shutters flank the windows. The bond pattern on the east and west gable ends is 5:1 American and is repeated in the 1-1/2 story rear wing, with a corbeled cornice. The roof of the entire house is slate. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west gables. The gable ends each have two bays of 6/6 windows on each floor level. The rear wing has a modern frame addition of one story on the west elevation with pressboard siding. An interior end chimney is located at the north end and the sash is 6/6 as on the main section. Replacement shutters are also present. A brick-paved patio is located on the east side of the wing. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Dairy: The one-story frame and stone building is located immediately northwest of the north end of the rear wing of the house. Its use is unclear, but its position, rectangular form, and lack of windows suggest that it may have originally been a dairy or cooling shed. Its raised foundation is partially stone, and some sections have been replaced with concrete block. The exterior is covered with german siding and a 5-panel door is located in the east elevation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal, possibly concealing original wood shingles. The date of the building appears to be at least about 1875-1900. Interior examination should reveal further information on its use and date.

Smokehouse: The brick smokehouse is located north of the dwelling on the higher slope of the farmstead site. It is a rectangular one-story building in 5:1 American bond with a vertical board door in the south elevation. The gable in the east

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8. Significance

Survey No. F-4-79

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1840

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Doub-Routzahn Farmstead exemplifies the transition of a mid-19th century farmstead from agricultural to private residential use in the mid-20th century. It retains features from its possible establishment as a typical farm of the period about 1840-1870 in the brick dwelling with domestic outbuildings and the frame and stone bank barn, with the additions of late 19th century outbuildings which reflect changes in agricultural technology such as the wagon shed/corn crib, the garage, and the proliferation of various sheds in the agricultural grouping. The agricultural group also shows the early 20th century changes from grain cultivation to dairy operations which predominated in Frederick County from about 1910 into the present, in the extension of the barn to include a milking room and the construction of a lo and milk house. Architecturally, the farmstead is a fair example of vernacular architectural style in the period 1840-1940, as the principal domestic buildings have been considerably altered and the integrity of the group as a whole is moderate.

Title research indicates that Abraham Doub purchased approximately 233 acres of the tract called "Hamburg" in 1840. It passed to his son Enos Doub in 1854 and to John H. Routzahn in 1866. Ezra Routzahn purchased the farm in 1870 and it was probably under his ownership that the agricultural group increased in numbers of structures. Routzahn was one of the founders and first president of the Myersville Savings Bank in 1899, a position of local prestige which reflected his prosperity and a level of general respect for his obvious success as a farmer. The farm remained in the Routzahn family until 1944. The possibility of slaves residing in the brick outbuilding has not been researched; however, the size of the outbuilding compared to other summer kitchens or wash houses in the region suggests that the outbuilding may have been concurrently used as living quarters by domestic servants or slaves. Tax records may verify whether the Doub or Routzahn families were slaveholders.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-79

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Land Records of Frederick County

Moser, Ira C., The History of Myersville, 1905. Reprinted with additional material by Thomas Rose and Charles S. Martin by Myersville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc., 1971, p. 15.Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Myersville, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the main dwelling on Tax Map 38, Parcel 12.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 COMMUNITY PLAZA
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023

7.1 Description (Continued)

elevation is plastered. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The interior still has a "tree" with a wheel and hooks for hanging meats. The building is somewhat deteriorated and is currently partially filled with wood debris. Its date is probably 1840.

Summer kitchen/slave quarters: The two-story stone and brick building is located east of the house and a non-contributing concrete block garage. It has been considerably altered in the 20th century, particularly its interior finishes, and its exterior is painted white. It is sited at a slight angle from the house, with an exposed stone foundation on the southeast elevation, where a beaded vertical board door with mid-19th century hardware is located. A pair of 6/6 windows in this level are modern alterations. The upper story has 6/6 windows and an exterior stone and brick chimney are located on the east gable end. A second interior chimney is located at the west gable end. The roof is slate. On the north elevation is a modern one-story porch with square posts. A replacement door gives access to the upper level through the porch. The interior of the building was inaccessible, but its original use as a summer kitchen and possible slave or servant quarters is apparent from the exterior features and siting. The date is less certain, but may be contemporary with the house.

Privy: The frame privy is located west of the house at the end of a concrete walk through the garden on that side of the dwelling. It has beaded vertical siding and a corrugated metal shed roof, with a door in the west elevation. The privy probably dates from about 1875-1900.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Frame shed: Immediately west of the privy is a two-story frame building possibly used as a shop or other agricultural outbuilding. It has a concrete block foundation, german siding, and a corrugated metal roof. An exterior concrete block chimney is located on the north elevation. The south elevation has an irregular bay arrangement with three on the lower level and two on the upper level. The centre entrance is a vertical board door. A missing door on the upper level of the west elevation shows an open floored space with 6/6 windows. This building may date from the period 1875-1900.

Wagon shed: The frame wagon shed is located on a concrete foundation north of the frame shed and a non-contributing plywood shed. The wagon shed has board and batten siding and a standing seam metal roof. The shed may be a circa 1930's building.

Bank barn, silo, and milk house: The large frame bank barn is located at the west side of the farmstead and has a stone foundation with the stall level on the south elevation. The upper siding is vertical tongue-and-groove and plain vertical boards. The roof is corrugated metal. The stall level is walled with stone and an extension on the west end is enclosed with horizontal wood siding to form a milking room. This extension was probably made in the late 1920's or early 1930's. A brick silo base is located near the northwest corner of the barn and a concrete block milk house, built at the same time as the milking room extension, stands next to the west end of the barn.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Wagon shed/corn crib, frame tool shed, and garage: These three buildings are located south of the dwelling on a farm lane leading off the main driveway toward the agricultural grouping west of the house. The wagon shed/corn crib, built probably in the period 1875-1900, has a single corn crib on the south side of the drive-through passage and a shed extension on the north side. The exterior is vertical board siding and the roof is standing seam metal. The frame tool shed is located near the junction of the farm lane and driveway and has a stone foundation exposed on the south elevation. The upper level is covered with vertical board siding and a vertical board door opens on the north elevation. Its original use is unknown, but its location and general form suggests a possible blacksmithy, although there is no evidence of an exterior chimney or vent. The roof is corrugated metal. The frame garage was probably built to shelter farm equipment during the period 1875-1900. It has a standing seam metal gable roof and vertical board siding. Double swing doors are located in the east gable elevation.

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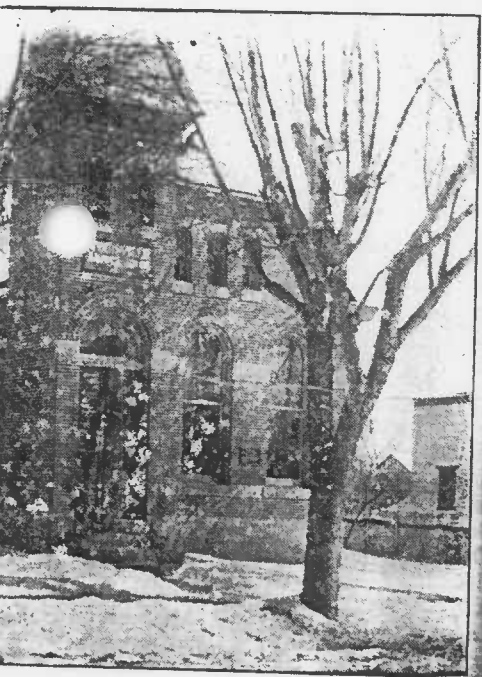
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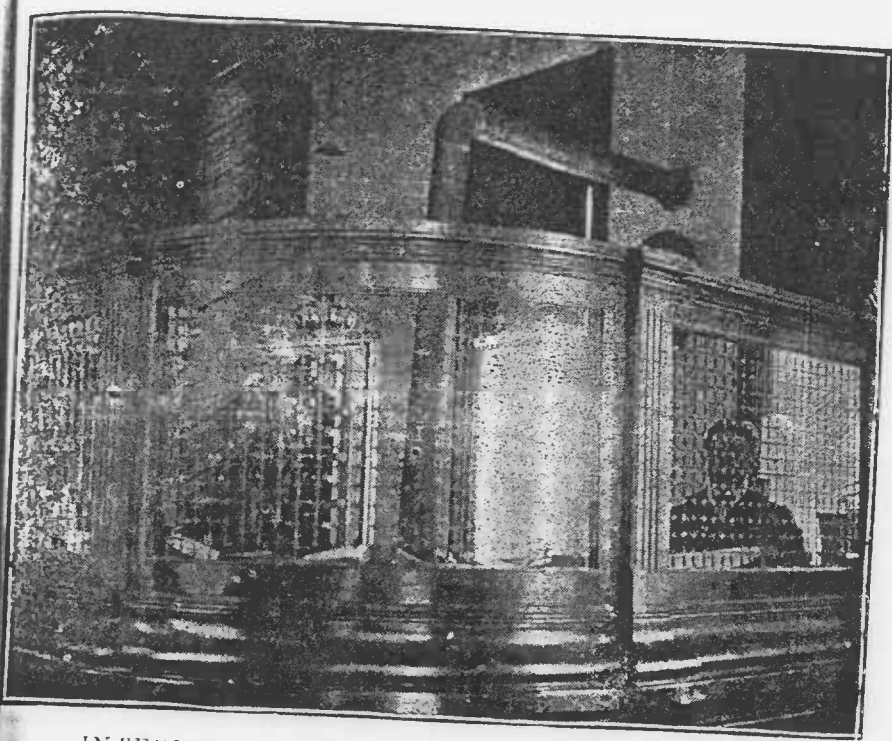
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INTERIOR OF THE MYERSVILLE SAVINGS BANK.

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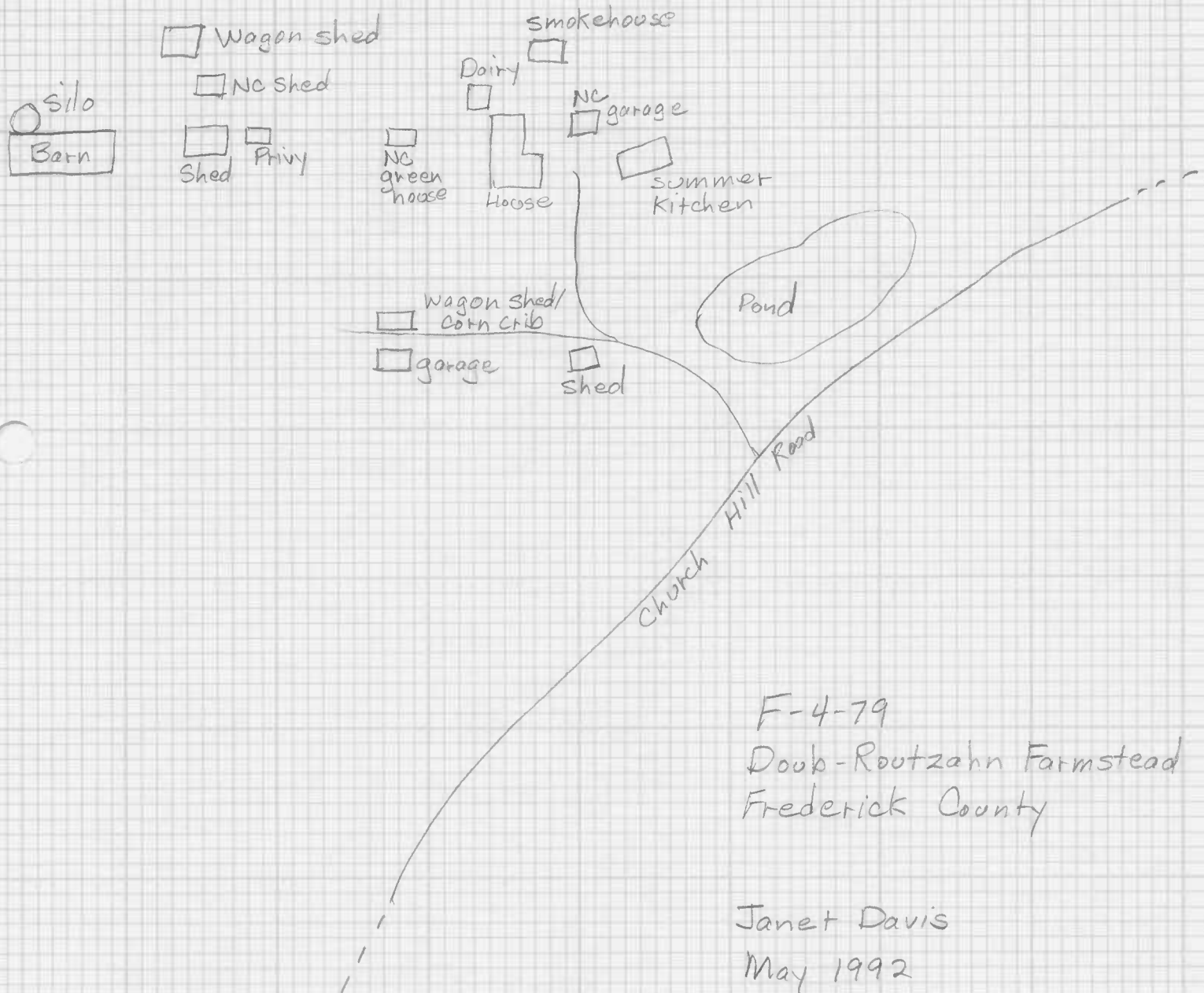
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 Frederick County
 Photo of Ezra Routzahn, owner from
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LIBER/FC-10	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1306/246 14 Oct 85	Nicholas S. & Kristen M. Johnson	Edward R. B. Russell	"Hamburg" 146 A. ±	\$300,000	
1067/96 3 Oct 78	Edward R. B. & Hazel H. Russell	Harry H. & Mary Rose Wolfe, Jr.		\$215,000	
701/308 26 Mar 64	Harry H. Wolfe, Jr. et ux	E. Cecil & Glendoris R. Keller			
491/194 22 Mar 51	E. Cecil & Glendoris R. Keller	Charles E. Harp & Frances V. Harp	146 A. ±		
441/566 18 Mar 44	Charles E. & Frances V. Harp	Erma C. Eldridge & Reno L. Eldridge Roy E. & M. Leah Rautzahn Pauline R. & Michael A. Doyle, heirs of J. M. Rautzahn & Minnie Rautzahn	P. 1 "Hamburg" 146 A. ±	\$8,000	
RWB 310/585 19 Oct 14	Franklin M. & Minnie B. Rautzahn	Ezra & Sarah C. Rautzahn	146 A. ± "Hamburg"	\$8,000	
CM 5/360 15 Apr 1870	Ezra & Sarah C. Rautzahn	Josiah Harp	"Hamburg" 146 A. ±	\$14,600	
CM 3/563 4 Jun 1869	Josiah Harp	John H. Rautzahn & Amanda M. Rautzahn	"Hamburg" 208 A.	\$17,680	

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
JWLC 3/611 29 Mar 1866	John H. Rautgahn	Enos Doub & Elizabeth Doub	"Hamburg" 215A.	\$13,997.35	
ES 3/557 29 Mar 1854	Enos Doub	Joel Schlosser & Catherine Schlosser	"Hamburg" 233A.	\$11,500	
ES 4/478 28 Mar 1854	Joel Schlosser	Joel & Enos Doub, exec's of last will & test of Abraham Doub for will dated 29 Jan 1847	"Hamburg" 233A.		
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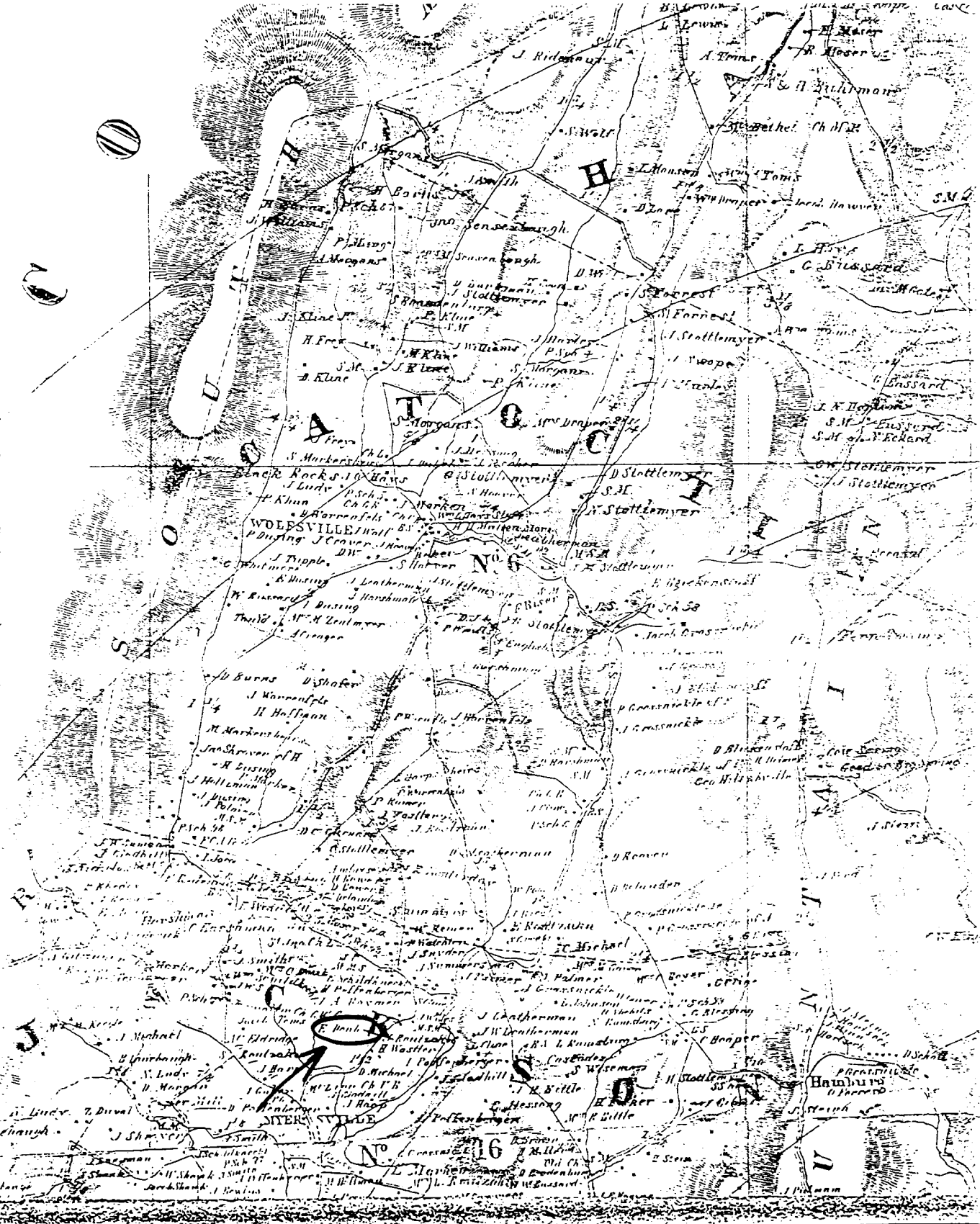
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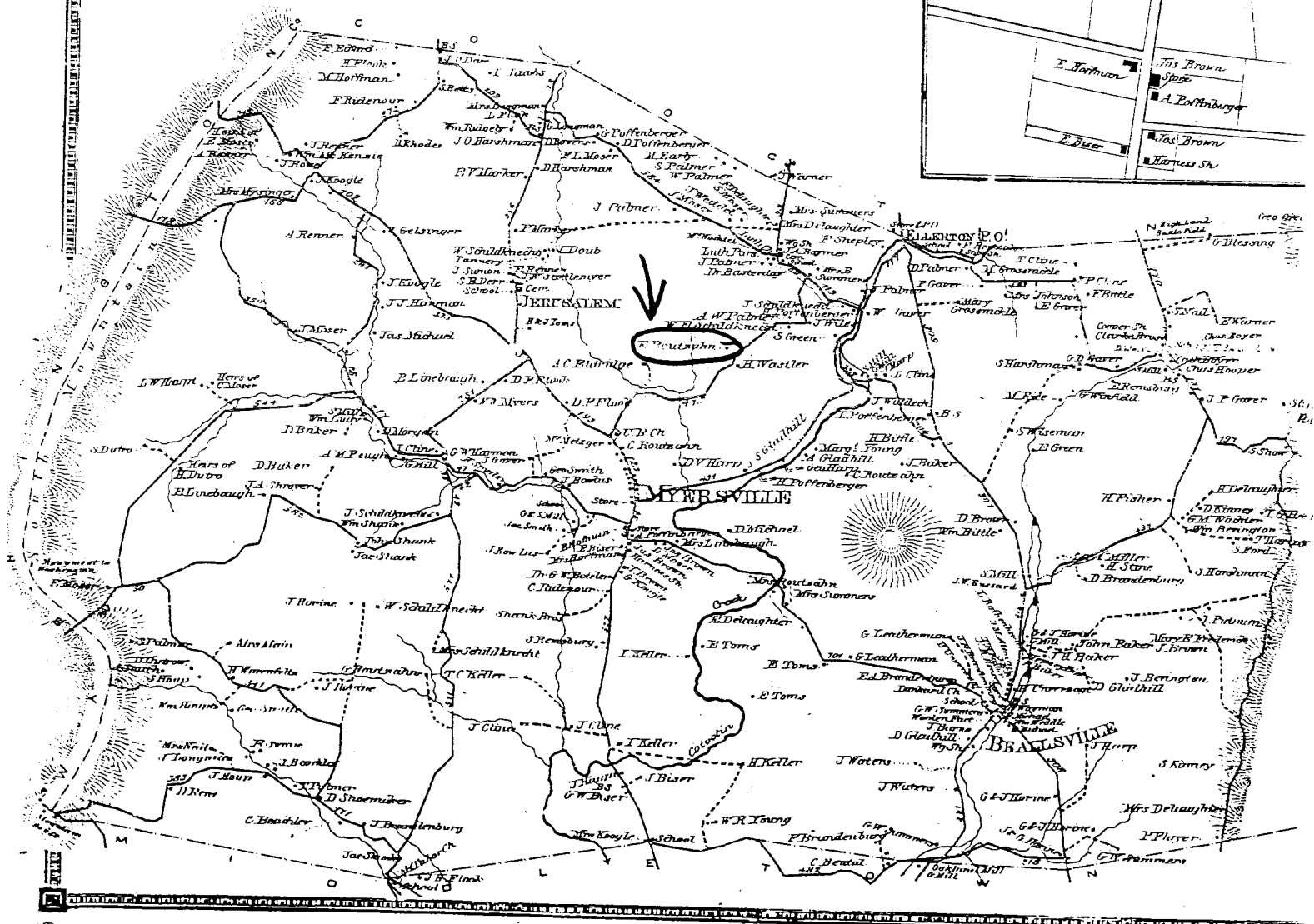
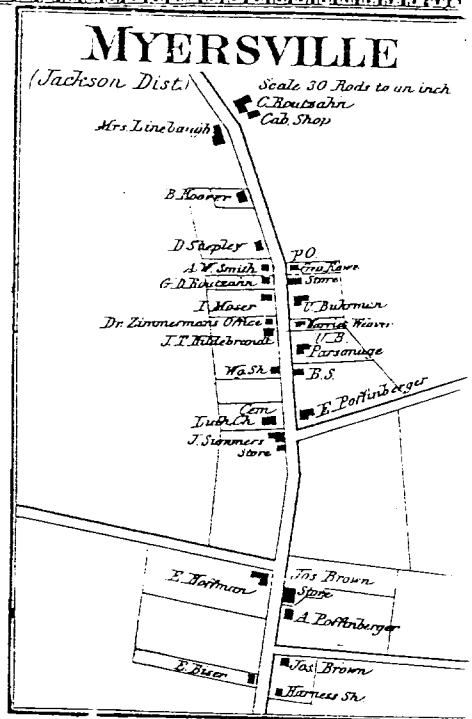
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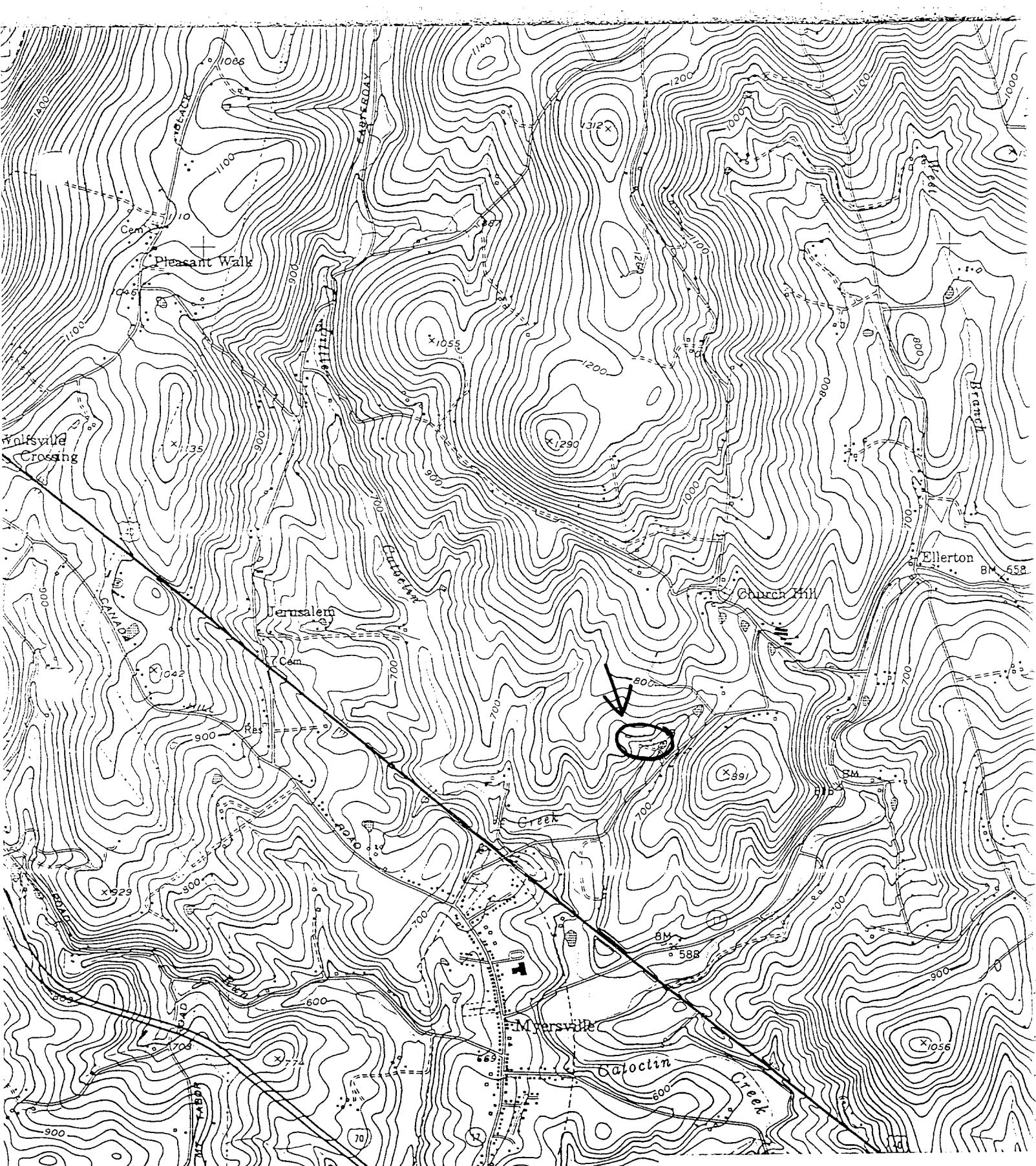


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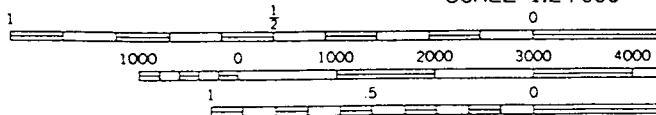
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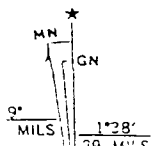
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Northeast corner view

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slave quarters, south elevation

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Neg. loc. in Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Smokehouse 50 ft. elevation

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Agricultural outbuildings, view from east

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Doub-Routzahn Farmstead

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Shed and wagon shed/corner 10, view
from east

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Exposed, northeast corner view

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Doob-Doetzahn Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO Crownsville, Md.

Bank barn, south elevation

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